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Mr. William J. Mundt R.W. Beck, Inc. 1125 17th Street, Suite 1900 Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Mundt:

This is in response to your email message dated August 29, 2000, regarding your proposed project to erect an aerial electrical transmission line across the Rio Grande River at the Silas Ray Power Plant in Cameron County, Texas. The U.S. Coast Guard has no jurisdiction over aerial transmission lines crossing navigable waters of the United States. Therefore, no specific permit will be required by the Coast Guard. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does exercise jurisdiction over waterway crossing by transmission lines and pipeline crossings and a permit from the Corps of Engineers will be required. You indicated that you have applied to the Army Corps of Engineers and to the U.S. Department of International Boundary Water Commission for permits to establish the proposed transmission line.

If you need additional assistance, please contact Phil Johnson at (504) 589-2965.

Sincerely,

MARCUS N. REDFORD, P.E. Chief, Bridge Administration Branch

Chief, Bridge Administration/Branch
By direction of the Commander

Eighth Coast Guard District